

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
Energy Education Team
Minutes of the Meeting
March 16, 2010

Present: Britton (chair), Williams, Loxsom, Millius, Walton (staff), Smith, Lynn Stoddard (guest)

The meeting began at 7:06 p.m. Introductions were made.

The minutes from January 19, 2010 minutes were reviewed and accepted.

Lynn Stoddard facilitated goal-setting. The team's overarching goal is to have Mansfield become energy smart. This would be measured by a 30% reduction in Mansfield's residential and municipal energy consumption and an increase in the use of renewable energy by 20%. Some ways that energy reductions might be achieved include increasing the number of home energy audits (Home Energy Solutions), reducing the audit charge through a municipal contract, showcasing a Mansfield net zero house, creating a model school, piloting a residential energy reduction campaign, developing a Mansfield ride-share program and car-share program. Ways that the Town might increase the use of renewable energy include getting more CleanEnergyOptions sign-ups by raising awareness of other electrical suppliers who are cheaper, showcasing a Mansfield net zero house and installing solar powered charging stations in Town. The team will continue to develop these ideas at the next meeting.

Loxsom reported that five more energy challenge participants had infrared imaging done on their houses, which on all of the houses revealed problem areas. Walton reported that 411 households are signed on to CleanEnergyOptions, which represents 7.2% of the households.

There are two upcoming presentations that will be held in the Student Center Theater at Eastern Connecticut State University. "Energy Conservation and Solar Energy for Homeowners" will held on Tuesday, March 31 at 7 pm. "Geothermal Energy for Homeowners" will be held on Tuesday, April 21 at 7 pm. Walton stated that she has sent out a press release to the papers, radio and Mansfield's e-mail notification system, QNotify.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2010. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Walton

Recycling/Refuse Coordinator

Cc: Lon R. Hultgren, Director of Public Works, Members, file, Town Manager, Town Clerk